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PVSC Conducting Cleanup of Peckman River in Woodland Park and Little Falls



(Woodland Park Mayor Keith Kazmark, Little Falls Mayor James Damiano, and Joe Cocuzza of PVSC's River Restoration team at the de-snagging of the Peckman River)

Newark, NJ –The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) is in the process of de-snagging the Peckman River in the area of Woodland Park and Little Falls. The Peckman River, a tributary of the Passaic River, originates in West Orange and flows northeasterly through Verona, Cedar Grove and Little Falls to its confluence with the Passaic River in Woodland Park. The de-snagging effort involved an initial survey of the Peckman River conducted by members of PVSC's River Restoration Program. PVSC employees then removed fallen trees, litter and other debris that were obstructing the flow of the river and could have ultimately contributed to flooding in the area.

Since its creation in 1998, PVSC's award-winning River Restoration Program has been charged with preserving and protecting over 100 miles of area waterways. PVSC has removed more than 12,000 tons of debris from the Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries. PVSC is clearing the Peckman River as a courtesy to the community at no cost.

“As one of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the country, it is PVSC's mission to act as good environmental stewards at all times,” said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. “Routinely cleaning up the beautiful Peckman River is an important part of that process.”

“This is another example of PVSC assisting local municipalities in keeping these waterways clear of debris and potential blockages. We appreciate PVSC utilizing their resources in Woodland Park and Little Falls in order to help maintain the flow of the river in high water events and keep our residents safe,” Woodland Park Mayor Keith Kazmark said.

"This is a great opportunity for one more partnership between local municipalities and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to join an effort which will hopefully alleviate flooding for all of our towns (along the Peckman River)," Little Falls Mayor James Damiano added.

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